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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:

 - international search (Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b))
 - publication of the international application (Rule 12.4)
 - international preliminary examination (Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3)
2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on (replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report):

the international application as originally filed/furnished

the description:
pages _____ as originally filed/furnished
pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____

the claims:
nos. 1-11 as originally filed/furnished
nos.* _____ as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
nos.* _____ received by this Authority on _____
nos.* _____ received by this Authority on _____

the drawings:
sheets _____ as originally filed/furnished
sheets* _____ received by this Authority on _____
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a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) – see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing.
3. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

the description, pages _____
 the claims, nos. _____
 the drawings, sheets/figs _____
 the sequence listing (specify): _____
 any table(s) related to sequence listing (specify): _____
4. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).

the description, pages _____
 the claims, nos. _____
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1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	YES
	Claims <u>1, 2, 5, 9, 11</u>	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	YES
	Claims <u>3, 4</u>	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims <u>1-11</u>	YES
	Claims	NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

1 This report makes reference to the following documents:

D1: US 4 309 918 A (MILLER ALBERT A ET AL) 12 January 1982 (1982-01-12)

D2: US 3 631 950 A (TANAKA SEIJI) 4 January 1972 (1972-01-04)

D3: US 3 994374 A (GILL RAYMOND E) 30 November 1976 (1976-11-30)

D4: DE 101 29 067 A (BOSCH GMBH ROBERT) 19 December 2002

D5: EP 1 145 927 A (BAYERISCHE MOTOREN WERKE AG) 17 October 2001

2 INDEPENDENT CLAIM 1

2.1 The present application fails to meet the requirements of PCT Article 33(1) because the subject matter of claim 1 is not novel within the meaning of PCT Article 33(2).

D1 discloses (the references in parentheses are to D1): a method of braking a motor vehicle in the event of failure of the normal braking system (column 1, lines 2-28), wherein all brakes (B1-B3)

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not included in the shifting logic of a gear are engaged in a controlled manner via a retarder regulator valve (41).

2.2 The present application fails to meet the requirements of PCT Article 33(2) because the subject matter of claims 1 and 2 is not novel within the meaning of PCT Article 33(2).
D2 discloses (the references in parentheses are to D2): an emergency braking method in which, when the manual valve (2) is moved into position E (emergency), the transmission shifts back to first gear (7) and when a predetermined vehicle speed falls below a threshold, the transmission is locked as a result of both clutches (8, 7) being closed (8, 7).

3 DEPENDENT CLAIMS 2 TO 5, 9 AND 11

Claims 2 to 5, 9 and 11 do not contain any features which, in combination with the features of any claim to which they refer, meet the PCT requirements for novelty and inventive step.

D4 discloses a method of automatic braking in the event of an emergency, wherein various options are available for retarding the transmission.

It is known from D1, D2 or D3 to carry out braking while simultaneously selecting different gears. A person skilled in the art would also use this feature in D4 in order to generate a braking force in the transmission.

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4 DEPENDENT CLAIMS 6, 8 AND 10

The combination of features in claims 6, 8 or 10 is neither known nor obvious from the available prior art.